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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 108

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Celebrating the life of Alexander William Allen.

Patrons—Adams, D.M., Boysko, Cole, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Hurst, Krizek, Levine, Lindsey, Rasoul, Turpin and Ware

WHEREAS, Alexander William Allen of Richmond, a decorated veteran and a talented artist, died on December 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Richmond, Alexander "Alex" William Allen grew up in the Highland Park neighborhood and graduated from John Marshall High School; and

WHEREAS, Alex Allen joined many of the other young men of his generation in service to the nation during World War II as a member of the United States Army Air Corps; stationed in Wendling, England, he completed more than 30 missions as a crew member of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Alex Allen returned home and began a long and successful career as a commercial artist; he worked for Ted Turner's advertising company as a graphic artist and with several other firms before retiring from the A.H. Robins Company in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Alex Allen also wrote and illustrated a weekly column for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* titled "Old Dominion Oddities," which highlighted unique and obscure anecdotes from Virginia history; and

WHEREAS, in later life, Alex Allen continued to create beautiful watercolor paintings and ink and pencil drawings; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Wanda, Alex Allen will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his son, Brian, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Alexander William Allen, a veteran, an accomplished artist, and a highly admired member of the Richmond community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Alexander William Allen as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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